Third Member of Council.—

No.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(1) What is the present population of each of the Malnad Districts? (To be kindly furnished Hobliwar and Castewar).

(2) What is the total number of births and deaths in each of these districts for the past five years? (Information to be kindly furnished as per details above, *i.e.*, Hobliwar and Castewar).

(3) (*a*) What is the the number of Dispensaries and Midwives attached thereto in each of the Malnad Districts in rural areas? (Hobliwar).

(*b*) The distance from one institution to the other, and

(*c*) Whether these institutions are easily accessible during the rainy season?

(4) (*a*) Are the existing dispensaries found quite adequate to serve the rural parts of the Malnad Districts; and (*b*) if not, whether the Government wish to extend their sympathy and open additional dispensaries with Midwives attached to each of them, at the rate of at least two in each year for the next ten years, particularly in view of the fact that Malnad areas are being gradually deprived of their population for want of adequate medical relief?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—43. (1) The member is referred to Parts II and V of the Census Report of 1921.

(2) Hobliwar and castewar information is not available. Available figures by Districts are given. (*Vide* Appendix IX.)

(3) (*a*) *Vide* statement appended (Appendix X). There are in all 72 dispensaries in the rural areas of the Malnad districts with Midwives attached to each of them.

(*b*) There is one dispensary within a radius of 6·3 miles on an average.

(*c*) Ordinarily they are easily accessible.

(4) (*a*) They may perhaps not be adequate. But they are better than in the neighbouring parts of India and

further, it is the policy of Government to extend them as funds become available.

(*b*) This is the policy of Government. Further progress depends also on the ability of the Local Boards to bear their quota.

An intensive Health Survey of the State is being undertaken. Government propose to allot this year a sum of Rs. 18,000 for the formation of three Malaria Units to afford necessary medical and sanitary help to the people. Funds are being provided annually for the construction and improvement of roads in Malnad areas in addition to the grants made in the Public Works Department and local bodies.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Can copies of the Census Report be distributed among the members of the House?

Third Member of Council.—

It is rather difficult to do so.

Mr. Deva Gowda.—

Is the population of the Malnad the same as that in the neighbouring places?

Third Member of Council.—

We do not know.

Mr. Deva Gowda.—

As the death rate in the Malnad has increased by more than 45 per cent, will Government take remedial measures early?

Third Member of Council.—

All that is possible is being done. This year also we will give some more dispensaries.

Mr. Deva Gowda.—

If contributions from local bodies are not forthcoming, what would you do?

Third Member of Council.—

We want your suggestion.

Mr. Deva Gowda.—

The grant for Malnad should be increased.

Third Member of Council.—

We shall see.

Mr. Deva Gowda.—

What is the distance between one hospital and another?

Third Member of Council.—

The answer is there. It is nearly 12½ miles on the average.

Mr. Deva Gowda —

Is there any hospital between Chikmaglur and Narasimharajpur? The distance is more than 40 miles.

Third Member of Council.—

You must know better.

Mr. Deva Gowda.—

I know that there is no hospital between these two places.

Mr H. C. Dasappa.—

Is there any programme for improving the Malnad?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa —

Is it being worked out?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Venkataswmi Gowda.—

Is medicine properly and regularly supplied to the 72 hospitals?

Third Member of Council.—

That is a different question.

MESSRS. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk,)
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SETTY (Narasimharajpura Sub-Taluk), B. P. BASAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk), SUBBANNA NAIK (Koppa TALUK), and M. SIDDALINGAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—44. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(1) Have any of the District Boards in the State maintained an Engineering Establishment of their own?

(2) What is the total amount spent by each of the District Boards in the State on the maintenance and repairs of District Board roads and buildings by the Public Works Department and the amount paid by the Boards to that Department towards the cost of Establishment and Tools and Plant charges for the past five years?

(3) Is the Executive Engineer of the District responsible and accountable to the respective District Boards for every item of work done by his department for the District Boards?

(4) (*a*) Cannot the District Boards maintain a separate and adequate Engineering Establishment of their own out of the average charges paid to the Public Works Department for Establishment, and Tools and Plant by each of the Boards? and (*b*) would not such an arrangement be conducive to the better working and maintenance of both the District Fund and the State Fund roads by way of competition?

(5) Will the Government be pleased to allow all or any of the District Boards to make their own arrangements to maintain their independent Engineering Establishment as an experiment for a period of at least five years?

(6) (*a*) Are the Government aware that the Madras and Bombay Governments are contributing a quota of the cost of such Engineering Establishment maintained by the several District Boards in the two Presidencies?

(*b*) If so, what is the proportion of such cost contributed by Government to District Boards who may be permitted to employ their own Engineering staff?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—44. (1) No.